

Memorandum

To: Planning Commission

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Subject: **Downtown Transit Integration (TRAIN) Study**

PURPOSE

The purpose of the February 8, 2017 briefing is to update the Planning Commission on the status of the Downtown Transit Integration (TRAIN) Study, and in particular to share the input received at the January 26, 2017 public meeting on this topic and the subsequent online questionnaire. The study is not expected to result in any proposed changes to the Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Code therefore no action is required from the Planning Commission.

The Downtown TRAIN Study is a technical study that will recommend how best to integrate light rail transit into Downtown Redmond so that light rail is safely, conveniently and efficiently accessible by transit, pedestrians, and bicyclists, while accommodating vehicle access for pick-up and drop-off. It will recommend a preliminary preferred station area concept for the Downtown Redmond light rail station. The preferred concept will maximize station access to increase mobility and grow transit ridership while minimizing the station footprint, in order to limit the impacts on other land uses and activities in Downtown.

At the January 26, 2017 public meeting, staff described four station area concepts, shared the evaluation of those concepts, and gathered input on the concepts and on what community members believe is important in designing the Downtown station area. About 65 community members attended the meeting and over 350 people completed a questionnaire at the meeting or online.

PREPARATION FOR FEBRUARY 8, 2017 STUDY SESSION

Staff invites Commissioners to review project materials online at www.redmond.gov/LightRailExtension. In particular, consider how you would prioritize and apply the values of transit access, mobility, safety, and land use and urban design.

NEXT STEPS

Staff will brief the City Council on the public input received at the Council's February 21, 2017 meeting. The Council is scheduled to hold a study session to consider a preliminary preferred station area concept at its February 28, 2017 meeting.

ENCLOSURES

None

Please contact Jeff Churchill (425-556-2492, jchurchill@redmond.gov) with questions.